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S I R:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed below.

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Engineering Aspects Of Shape Memory Alloys, Duerig, Melton, Stockel, Wayman, Verlag Butterworth-Heinemann Ltd., 1990, pp. 137-148, and pp. 158-169.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

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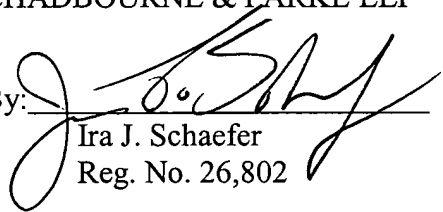
The relevance of the listed references is as follows. The two references are referred to in the specification at page 3 of the application.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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